

## **Telephonic Procedures for Judge Briskman**

### Telephonic Hearings:

Requests for telephonic hearings will be considered on a case by case basis. The following procedures shall apply:

- a) Telephonic cases are considered a privilege, not a right.
- b) Telephonic hearings are granted at the discretion of the assigned judge.
- c) Any party may request to appear by telephone; however, unless special circumstances are demonstrated, generally only those parties or their counsel who are not located in the Orlando Division of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida will be allowed to appear by phone.
- d) Unless an emergency arises, all requests to appear telephonically must be in writing and filed with the Court two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing date.
- e) The requesting party must supply an appropriate telephone number to Susan Coberly, Courtroom Administrator, at 407.648.6259.
- f) If a request for a telephonic hearing is granted, and the requesting party is not immediately available at the designated time, the hearing will proceed without the requesting party. If an attorney can not be located by a receptionist or if the Courtroom Administrator accesses an attorney's voicemail, the hearing will proceed without the requesting party.
- g) Telephonic hearings are not permitted for preliminary hearing on motions for relief from stay, evidentiary hearings, or hearings conducted with a Chapter 13 cases. No evidentiary hearings will be conducted by phone.